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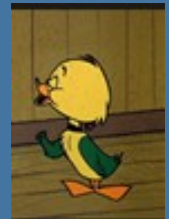
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### Program:

### Why We Love America!

Jimmy Weldon,  
*Hanna-Barbera cartoon character*  
*Yakky Doodle*



### Program: July 25th

### All You Need is Love

**Erin Terzieff**



**Sevak Khodabhakshian** introduced Erin Terzieff, Founder, All you Need Is Love Charity. What began as a mentorship between 5th Grader Sofia Tam and her teacher Erin Terzieff, evolved into a collaboration touching thousands of lives and so many communities around the world.

Sofia and Erin met September, 2005 at Carver Elementary School in San Marino, California where as a 10 year old, Sofia showed a budding passion for Human, Rights, Social Justice, and the Environment. Over the school year Sofia and her friends, with Erin's facilitation, became more involved in extending their lessons outside of the classroom and into the real world. As a result, Sofia challenged Erin to travel to Myanmar, formerly known as Burma with her grandfather Wayne Tam and visit the orphanage, the Mingalar Parahita School and Orphanage. There Erin learned about the situation of Burmese children living in conflict and crisis.

Erin took the challenge. Shortly after, Erin began working with BMWEC, a community-based organization focused on educating Burmese Migrant Children living in Mae Sot, Thailand on the Thai-Burma Border.

As Sofia continued-on through middle and high school, she advocated, fundraised, and hosted special events to support the Burmese Migrant schools in Mae Sot. She spent her summers on The Border along with her family and Erin, working at the schools and beginning to build the foundation for what would become All You Need Is Love.

Sofia died of brain cancer in the tenth grade in 2013. While death approached, she still went to work with kids on the Thai border. So the web page has a moving drop of water as a logo... worth checking out. To learn more about Erin's Vision, Mission, and this most amazing school and non-profit, visit <http://allyouneedislovecharity.org>



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## Thousand Oaks Rotary Meeting

July 25, 2019



**President Gooch** opened the meeting. He explained the meaning behind the new RI President's logo, symbolizing "Rotary Connects the World." He also said we have the new District Banner.

**President Gooch** introduced **Chris Steele** to present the Moment of Inspiration, Pledge, and song. **Chris** shared life learnings from Noah's Ark. She included such things as:

- Don't miss the boat.
- Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- Plan ahead! It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
- Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
- Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- Build your future on high ground.
- For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- When you're stressed, float a while.
- Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- No matter the storm, when you are with God, a rainbow's always waiting.



**Chris** then led us in the Pledge and *America the Beautiful*, and **Nelson Buss** introduced Kristina Simon, guest of **Susan Murata**.

## BIRTHDAYS

Jul 04 Engler, Susie  
Jul 09 Krehbiel, David  
Jul 10 Harris, David  
Jul 11 Ward, Tex  
Jul 12 Lederer, Jill  
Jul 13 Teasdale, Michael  
Jul 19 Kossoff, Ken  
Jul 20 Buss, Kara  
Jul 25 Lundberg, Kyle  
Jul 25 O'Beirne, Mike  
Jul 26 Ladd, Lee  
Jul 29 Lewis, Bob



## ANNIVERSARIES

Jul 06 Wang, Felix & Mary  
Jul 09 Benson, Roger & Marilyn  
Jul 10 Wieler, Dick & Janis  
Jul 13 Wilson, Denis & Sunny Morton-Wilson  
Jul 18 Friedman, Betsy & David Krehbiel  
Jul 20 Schreiber, Carol & Chet  
Jul 25 Ladd, Lee & Susan  
Jul 27 Holmes, Janeen & Bob  
Jul 28 Diaz, Mario & Dawn Dixon-Diaz  
Jul 28 Kourounis, Tony & Catherine  
Jul 29 Harimoto, Nate & Shirley

## FINE SESSION

**Cary Runnells** was Fine Master using Real Estate Trivia. **Cary** asked that any real estate brokers in the Club come to the front of the room. They worked as a team to come up with the correct answers. **Cary** appointed **Jeff Borenstein** as scorekeeper. If the net score was positive, there would be a \$1000 fine, if it was negative, a \$10,000 fine would incur. Those participating were **Danny Lampert**, **Michelle Nash**, **Deborah Kniss**, **Nate Harimoto**, and **Nelson Buss**. Thankfully, there was a positive net score!

## MEMBER WELCOMED BACK



**President Gooch** and **Carol Freeman** reinstated **Sharon Renshall**. **Sharon** had taken some time away from Rotary to care for her husband, who had advanced Parkinson's. Welcome back **Sharon**!



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## Happy \$\$\$\$

**Bob Biery** carried the cup.



**Barb Cornwall** gave apology dollars as they had been gone, and when they returned from **Russ'** son's graduation for Drexel College, **Russ** got sick, and in turn, **Barb** got sick so they missed **Karen Furnari's** Demotion Party. They also moved as they bought a new house on the lake in Westlake.

**Patricia Jones** is looking forward to a 2-week trip with husband George to the National Parks.

**Karen Furnari** thanked everyone fwho have sent good wishes via texts, emails, phone calls and cards . She said "It's overwhelming for Steve and I to be the recipient of so much love. The bouquet of flowers sent from the club cheers us up every day. "

**Cary Runnells** proudly announced that his youngest daughter graduated Summa Cum Laude from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in 3 years, and then got married.

**Nate Harimoto** announced Jeff Blum (former Conejo Valley Rotary Club president), has been an organizer of a special event, *Charity Kareoke, Sing for a Cause*, to be held at the Canyon Club in Agoura Hills on August 11<sup>th</sup>. One of the 20 charities benefitting will be K-9s for Warriors. Tickets range from \$20-\$40.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**President Gooch** asked that we all send our healing wishes and prayers to **Lois Curran-Klein** who was undergoing a medical procedure, **Christal Doyle**, who was undergoing major surgery, and **Richard Williams** for his on-going health challenges.

**Susan Murata** reminded everyone about the Wine Festival coming up soon on August 17<sup>th</sup>. She said we need more people to work the event, as we need food servers, wine pourers, etc. We also need more silent auction items. Please ask restaurants you frequent for gift cards. Everything is needed.

**Maria Prescott** standing in for **Bob Lewis**, announced Fireside Chats to be held on August 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Please consider being a host, or attending Fireside Chats. We will be dark on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Pat McCoy** asked that members make recommendations for potential keynote speakers for the Economic Forecast Breakfast. He said you need not be on the committee to make recommendations.

**Mike Jansen** said all equipment has been acquired for the Tijuana Planetarium. He and **Matt Lallo** encourage anyone who can attend the Grand Opening on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> to consider doing so to show our support of this important project. There will be two groups going down, one in time for Thursday's luncheon, and a group later in the day, in time for the Friday Grand Opening celebration. **Matt** can help with accommodations at the Marriott, if needed. He also announced that there will be a replication of the Hearing Aid Project. Stay tuned for more details.





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## WHAT'S BEEN SAID ABOUT ROTARY

**"Rotary is one of the most important and credible nongovernmental organizations in the world." Mikhail S. Gorbachev, former president of the Soviet Union**

## RI President's Message

Dear fellow Rotarians and members of the family of Rotary,

I love to travel! I even enjoy the mundane process of getting from here to there. But last year, my wife, Gay, and I had one of those experiences that would strain the optimism of even the most cheerful traveler. We found ourselves with six hours to wait, at an airport where we were not scheduled to be, on a day we had not planned still to be traveling, having woken up that morning at a hotel unknown to us the night before. It was one of those days.

As we waited at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York City, Gay and I took a walk to people watch. We went from one end of the terminal to the other and back, looking at every gate, every destination, every group of people waiting for their flights.

Each gate was its own island of humanity. When we walked down the center of the concourse, we were in New York, moving along with everyone in one river. But when you veered off into those seats, you left that current and landed on an island. You were already in Delhi or Paris or Tel Aviv.

As we started our walk, I thought: "All these different people, all these different countries, all in one place. This is like Rotary!" But as we walked past gate after gate, I realized something. It was not like Rotary at all. Because everyone in that river was heading for an island. And every island stayed an island. The people heading to Taipei might be talking to one another, but they were not talking to the people heading to Cairo or Lagos.

Contrast that with Rotary. Rotary allows us to connect with one another, in deep and meaningful ways, across our differences. It connects us with people we would never otherwise have met, who are more like us than we ever could have known. It connects us with our communities, to professional opportunities, and to the people who need our help.



  
 MARK DANIEL MALONEY  
 President, Rotary International



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## PAST PRESIDENTS — Rotary Club of Thousand Oaks

58-59 DONN ODELL	89-90 JEFF BORENSTEIN
59-60 JOHN HEYWOOD	90-91 DENNIS GILLETTE
60-61 MARV BURROW	91-92 MERV KOPP
61-62 ROSS DUSKIN	92-93 TOM GLANCY
62-63 ROY McCOMBER	93-94 HUGO ROCHE
63-64 PAUL PACE	94-95 BRIAN BACK
64-65 JOHN CONLAN	95-96 TONY KOUROUNIS
65-66 CARLOS SCURIA	96-97 JACK CAINE
66-67 MERRILL DARLING	97-98 DICK WIELER
67-68 PHIL OZAB	98-99 JUDY ST. JOHN
68-69 WILLIAM VANDERZWANN	99-20 MIKE GONZALES
69-70 ALVIN J. HOTZ, JR.	20-01 NEIL SCRIBNER
70-71 BEN CRANMER, JR.	01-02 BOB BIERY
71-72 GLENN GOODWIN	02-03 HARRY SELVIN
72-73 GEORGE VASLIEFF	03-04 RICK LEMMO
73-74 HENRY STILL	04-05 DOUG TAPKING
74-75 JOHN TUEL	05-06 KATHY HILL
75-76 KENNETH HANSON	06-07 PETE TURPEL
76-77 DAVID HUANG	07-08 VICKI ARNDT
77-78 WILLIAM HAAS	08-09 MARTIN ANDERSON
78-79 FELIX MASCI	09-10 KEITH PARKS
79-80 HARLAND JONES	10-11 FRANK CORRIGAN
80-81 DAVE WENDER	11-12 RICHARD WILLIAMS
81-82 GEORGE GIBB	12-13 SUSAN MURATA
82-83 NORMAN NAGEL	13-14 CAROL FREEMAN
83-84 BILL PETERSON	14-15 NATE HARIMOTO
84-85 MIKE O'BEIRNE	15-16 MIKE MURPHY
85-86 MARV SOSNA	16-17 ROBERT BIANCHI
86-87 FRED FERRARINI	17-18 TIM WEAVER
87-88 DOC NEEDHAM	18-19 KAREN FURNARI
88-89 KENNETH (SKIP) ROBERTS	

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